Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Kazakhastan Foreign Service officers are already receiving training at our Foreign Service Institute and Consultations between the two Governments on regional and global issues, both at the official and the political level, is already taking place.

Cases of Forged Passport and Visas

3886. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of passengers slip out of India with fake passports and visas particularly from Delhi as reported in the Hindustan Times of May 21, 1993;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected having forged passport and visas from various places during each of the last three years;

(c) what action Government have taken against such persons and also against those who make and supply forged passports and visas duly stamped on payment of hefty fee from innocent Indian Passengers; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to check such fake passport and visa rackets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the House

Use of Nuclear Arms at Short Notice by Pak

3887. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that CIA have made a statement that Pakistan can use nuclear arms at a short notice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CIA Director James Woolsey, in his testimony before the Sub-Committee on International Security, International Organisations and Human Rights of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on 28 July, 1993 stated, *inter alia*, that both India and Pakistan have nuclear weapons development programmes and are capable of assembling and delivering a limited number of nuclear weapons within a relatively short time.

Government continue to monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security. Government have on several occasions conveyed to the US our concerns on Pakistan's acquisition of military capabilities in excess of its legitimate defence requirements.

प्रधान मंत्री की विदेश यात्राएं

3888. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993 में प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा किन-किन देशों की यात्रा किए जाने की सम्भावना है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या प्रधान मंत्री इन दौरों में अकेले जाएंगे अथवा उनके साथ कोई प्रतिनिधिमंडल भी जाएगा ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) वर्ष 1993 के दौरान प्रधान मंत्री को जिन देशों की यात्रा करनी है, उनमें भूटान, चीन, कोरिया गणराज्य और साइप्रस हैं । इनमें से पहले तीन देशों की यात्रा द्विपक्षीय संदर्भ में होगी और यह उम्मीद है कि इन यात्राओं से सम्बन्धित देशों के साथ हमारे सम्बन्ध और अधिक मजबूत होंगे । साइप्रस की यात्रा, 21 से 25 अक्तूबर, 1993 को राष्ट्रमंडल के राज्याध्यक्षों/शासनाध्यक्षों की बैठक में भाग लेने के लिए की जाएगी ।

(ख) जैसी कि प्रथा है, प्रधान मंत्री के साथ एक शिष्टमण्डल जाएगा ।

Recognition of Mizo Tribe as a Lost Tribe by Israel

3889. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Israel has recognised a section of the Mizo population as the lost tribe of Israel;

(b) whether these Mizos have sought the right to emigrate to Israel; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to Israeli official policy, only bona fide jews recognised by Israel can claim the right to migrate to Israel.

(c) Government have checked press reports